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Tadakuni NARABU

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DECLARATION OF TADAKUNI NARABU UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.131

I, Tadakuni Narabu, state that:

1. I am the inventor named in U.S. patent application number 09/283,233 (the "current application"), filed April 1, 1999, and know and understand its contents.
2. I have a post office address c/o Sony Corporation (hereafter "Sony"), Osaka East Technology Center, Gate City Osaki 1-11-1, Osaki Shinagawa-ku, Tokyo 141-0032, Japan, and make this declaration of my own knowledge and belief.
3. I am employed by Sony and have been employed by Sony since April 1, 1998.
4. I reduced to practice the subject matter of claims 1-13 in the current application prior to March 16, 1998.

5. As evidence of my conception of the subject matter recited in claims 1-13 prior to March 16, 1998, I have provided a copy of an invention report submitted to the Intellectual Property Department of the Sony Corporation identified above. The invention report is dated prior to March 16, 1998. A translation and a copy of the original are attached. A translation and a copy of the original are attached as Exhibit A.

6. Each of the dates deleted from Exhibit A is prior to March 16, 1998.

7. The Japanese application No. P10-091078, for this invention was filed on April 3, 1998, of which priority is claimed.

8. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under § 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

Executed on June 17, 2003

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